

BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE  
*HUMBOLDT BAY REPOWERING PROJECT*  
BY PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

DOCKET NO. 06-AFC-7  
(AFC ACCEPTED 11/08/06)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

On May 18, 2007, Pacific Gas & Electric Company ("PG&E") filed its *Petition for Bifurcation and Revised Scheduling Order* ("Petition"). The Petition asks the Committee for the Humboldt Bay Repowering Project ("HBRP") to issue an order to bifurcate or divide the proceedings and to direct California Energy Commission staff ("Staff") to prepare its Preliminary Staff Assessment ("PSA") on all matters except Air Quality, Public Health, and Visual Resources.

We direct Staff to file its response to the Petition **no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2007**. Timely copies shall be electronically served upon all parties and a hardcopy filed with the Commission's Docket Unit.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Committee has scheduled a public hearing to hear oral argument from all parties regarding the PG&E Petition as indicated below:

**DATE :** MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007

**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** California Energy Commission  
Hearing Room A  
1515 Ninth St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
[*Wheelchair Accessible*]

As a convenience, parties and members of the public who cannot attend the hearing in person may participate by calling the following toll-free number for the proceeding:

1-888-560-8501  
Conference Leader: Gary Fay  
Passcode: "*Humboldt*"

## Background

On May 11, 2007, Staff filed its *Status Report 3* as well as a letter to the Project Development Manager at PG&E. Both documents identify potentially significant Air Quality and Public Health issues related to the HBRP. Staff states that its concerns are shared by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) and by the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District (District). Staff recommends PG&E change its project design and air quality modeling to address the concerns.

PG&E states that it disagrees with both the basis for Staff's concerns and with the severity of Staff's proposed modifications to the project. PG&E's Motion asks for bifurcation of the proceedings and direction to Staff to provide a PSA on the majority of subject areas which are *not* affected by the parties' disagreements on Air Quality and Public Health. PG&E suggests also delaying Staff's Visual Resources analysis because of the potential for raising the originally proposed stack heights as additional mitigation.

## Information

Technical questions regarding the project should be addressed to John Kessler, the Staff Project Manager, at 916-654-4679 or e-mail at: [\[jkessler@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:jkessler@energy.state.ca.us).

Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Gary Fay, the Hearing Officer, at 916-654-3893 or e-mail at: [\[gfay@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:gfay@energy.state.ca.us).

Direct media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director for Media and Public Communications at 916-654-4989. If you are disabled and need assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at least 5 days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146.

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office assists the public in participating in the review process. For information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office, at 916-654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228, or e-mail: [\[paos@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:paos@energy.state.ca.us).

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents, may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: [\[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/humboldt\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/humboldt).

Dated May 24, 2007, at Sacramento, California.

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Humboldt AFC Committee

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